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SUBJ: ISRAELI REACTION T UN VOTE ON PALESTINIAN RESOLUTIONS

1. SUMMARY. ISRAELIS ALONG ENTIRE POLITICAL SPECTRUM
AGREE IN REJECTING UN RESOLUTIONS ON PALESTINIAN ISSUE.
COMMENTATORS TAKE SOME SOLACE FROM LARGE NUMBER OF
ABSTENSIONS AS SIGN THAT STATES WHICH VOTED FOR CREATION OF
ISRAEL IN 1947 ARE NOT PREPARED NOW TO VOTE FOR RESOLUTION
ENDORING ITS DESTRUCTION. END SUMMARY.

2. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF OFFICIAL GOI STATEMENT RE UN VOTES
ON PALESTINIAN RESOLUTIONS. (JERUSALEM POST NOVEMBER 24).

3. BEGIN TEXT. THE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT THE UN
GENERAL ASSEMBLY ARE A BADGE OF SHAME FOR THE ORGANIZATION.
THEY MAKE A MOCKERY OF THE SPIRIT WHICH MOVED THE
FOUNDERS OF THE ORGANIZATION 29 YEARS AGO, AFTER THE DEFEAT
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OF NAZI TYRANNY.

4. THESE RESOLUTIONS DEMONSTRATE THE SAD TRUTH THAT THE FORUM ORIGINALLY DESIGNED TO BE A PLATFORM FOR PEACE AND BROTHERHOOD AMONG THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD HAS BECOME A ROSTRUM FOR THE ENCOURAGEMENT OF TERROR AND INCITEMENT TO WAR.

5. WHILE ACKNOWLEDGING THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF THOSE STATES WHICH OPPOSED THE RESOLUTIONS OR ABSTAINED, IT MUST BE RECOGNIZED THAT ENMITY AND HYPOCRISY, TOGETHER WITH APPEASEMENT AND SURRENDER TO BLACKMAIL, HAVE COMBINED TO REDUCE THE UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO THE DEPTHS TO WHICH IT HAS SUNK.

6. IT IS THIS COMBINATION WHICH HAS MADE THE ASSEMBLY INTO A TOOL FOR PROPAGANDA AND POLITICAL WARFARE AT THE WHIMS OF THE ARAB-COMMUNIST BLOC.

7. ISRAEL TOTALLY REJECTS THE RESOLUTIONS. SHE REGARDS THEM AS INVALID, HARMFUL AND UNWORTHY OF CONSIDERATION.

8. ISRAEL WILL CONTINUE TO STRIVE FOR A JUST AND LASTING PEACE WITH ALL HER NEIGHBORS--A PEACE WHICH WILL RESOLVE THE OUTSTANDING ISSUES BETWEEN HERSELF AND HER NEIGHBORS, INCLUDING THAT OF FINDING A CONSTRUCTIVE EXPRESSION FOR THE IDENTITY OF THE PALESTINIANS. END TEXT.

9. ISRAELI PRESS COMMENT, WHILE DEPLORING GENERAL ASSEMBLY'S ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION WHICH IN EFFECT CALLS FOR END OF ISRAEL AS INDEPENDENT JEWISH STATE, ALSO TAKES NOTE OF SIGNIFICANCE OF RELATIVELY LARGE NUMBER OF ABSTENTIONS.

10. DAVAR WRITES, QUOTE THE ABSTENTION IS HARDLY A MARK OF CREDIT FOR THE THIRTY-SEVEN COUNTRIES WHO DECIDED TO ABSTAIN. BY IMPLICATION, THEY HAVE AN AVERSION FOR THE PLO'S STAND AND FOR THE PRESSURE BROUGHT TO BEAR BY THE OIL RULERS, YET LACKED THE COURAGE TO VOTE AGAINST A RESOLUTION WHICH DOES NOT ACKNOWLEDGE THE RIGHT OF EXISTENCE OF A STATE ESTABLISHED BY A UN RESOLUTION 27 YEARS AGO. AT THE SAME TIME THIS DOES NOT SPELL IRREVOCABLE ISOLATION FOR ISRAEL, AND THERE IS NO CAUSE TO DESPAIR OF A BOLD CONFRONTATION
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IN THE POLITICAL SPHERE. THE DEBATE IN THE ASSEMBLY AND THE SUBSEQUENT VOTE PROVE THAT THERE ARE STILL COUNTRIES WHOM ALL THE OIL TREASURES IN THE WORLD COULD NOT PROMPT TO VOTE FOR ISRAEL'S LIQUIDATION. END QUOTE.

11. HAARETZ EVEN SEES GROUNDS FOR SATISFCTION, SINCE THE RESOLUTION BROUGHT INTO CLEAR AND UNEQUIVOCAL FOCUS THE PLO'S DESIRE TO BRING ABOUT ISRAEL'S DESTRUCTION. AT THE

SAME TIME, THE PAPER REGRETS THE FACT THAT 37 STATES, INCLUDING FOUNDING MEMBERS OF THE UN, CONTENTED THEMSELVES WITH ABSTAINING RATHER THAN VOTING AGAINST A RESOLUTION. THE PAPER SINGLES OUT FOR HONORABLE MENTION NORWAY AND ICELAND, WHICH BY VOTING AGAINST THE RESOLUTION PUT TO SHAME ALL OTHER MEMBERS OF THE UN COMMON MARKET.

12. AL HAMISHMAR TERMS THE VOTE A BETRAYAL OF THE PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE AND MORALITY. IT IS NOW PATENTLY OBVIOUS THAT THE ISSUE AT STAKE IS NO LONGER ONE OF COMPROMISE OR TERRITORIAL CONCESSION, BUT OF ISRAEL'S VERY EXISTENCE. MOREOVER THE PLO'S POSITION OF LEADERSHIP IN THE ARAB WORLD NOW OBVIATES ANY POSSIBILITY OF ANY NEGOTIATIONS WHATSOEVER.

13. MAARIV ASSERTS THAT THE STATE OF ISRAEL WAS NOT ESTABLISHED BY THE GRACE OF THE UN AND IT WILL NOT CEASE TO EXIST FOLLOWING ITS PRESENT RESOLUTION. AT THE SAME TIME, JUST AS THE UN RESOLUTION OF 27 YEARS AGO HAD ACCELERATED POLITICAL MOVES CULMINATING IN THE WAR OF INDEPENDENCE, THE LATEST SHAMEFUL DECISION WOULD, MOST PROBABLY, SPUR AN ALL-ARAB EFFORT--POLITICAL AND, POSSIBLY, MILITARY TOO--FOR THE ATTAINMENT OF A POLITICAL SOVEREIGNTY FOR THE PALESTINIANS...ISRAEL IS UNABLE TO CANCEL FORMALLY UN RESOLUTIONS WHICH CONSPIRE AGAINST HER VERY EXISTENCE, BUT SHE DEFINITELY CAN SEE TO IT THAT THESE RESOLUTIONS REMAIN A VALUELESS PAPER AND A BADGE OF SHAME FOR THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTION.

14. YEDIOT AHARONOT SAYS THAT, FOLLOWING THE TRIUMPH OF THE PLO, ISRAEL HAS REACHED A STATE OF "ALMOST MUNICH". IT STRESSES THE WORD "ALMOST" BECAUSE, CONTRARY TO THE CZECHS WHO AT THE TIME HAD NOT ONE SINGLE FRIEND, ISRAEL ENJOYS THE FRIENDSHIP OF AMERICA, WHO DESPITE HER WEAK UNCLASSIFIED

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POINTS IS STILL THE MIGHTIEST POWER IN THE WORLD. ISRAEL HAS NO REASON FOR FAILING TO STAND THE PRESENT TEST. KEATING

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